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REMARKS

Paragraph one has been amended to indicate that the present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/878,029, filed on June 8, 2001, and to incorporate by reference the entirety of the parent application into the present application.

New claims 19-22 have been added, which are directed to the "free association" coating formed by simple mixing of the compounds of formula (I) and a film-forming component. This embodiment is supported and disclosed in the parent application, for example, at paragraph 41, and in Example 6. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter has been added.

Entry and favorable consideration are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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